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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Benjamin H. Layno

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The Examiner has withdrawn the allowability of claims 1-8, in view of a newly cited reference.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipate by Purton.

The patent to Purton discloses a card inspection device, see embodiment in Fig. 3, comprising an area 30 for receiving a first set of cards 32. A card mover 31 moves cards from the a first set to a card staging area 20, 21, 22, see embodiment in Fig. 1. The cards are moved in an order by which cards are removed from the first set of cards and moved to the card staging area, one card at a time. A card reading sensor 20 reads the information (card rank and card suit) on each card separately after each card has been removed from the area for receiving the first set of cards, page 5, line 5 to page 6, line 4. A second card mover, 16, 17, 18 moves cards from the card staging area to a delivery area 19, wherein cards removed from the staging area to the delivery area are moved in the same order by which cards were removed from the first set of cards and moved to the card staging area, see embodiment in Fig. 3. The embodiment in Fig. 16 discloses a container or box 504 in the delivery area 503. When the box 504 is full of cards, the box is removed, page 15, lines 20-22. Thus, the removal of the box 504, full of cards, inherently suggests that the cards are being delivered.

In regard to claims 4-7, Purton's card inspection device also comprises a computer which identifies the value and suit of the card and compiles a tally of all cards read. The computer reports and records the results of the scans of all of the cards in the one or more decks. A red warning light 24 shows when an irregularity has been detected by the computer, and a green light indicates a successful scan, page 5, lines 5-22. Thus, a memory storage component is inherently present, and the computer system compares the suit and rank of one card to expected card information.

3. In regard to the statement "A playing card delivery shoe" in the preamble, this statement is a recitation of intended use. A recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is **capable** of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim. In a claim drawn to a process of making, the intended use must result in a manipulative difference as compared to the prior art. See *In re Casey*, 370 F.2d 576, 152 USPQ 235 (CCPA 1967) and *In re Otto*, 312 F.2d 937, 939, 136 USPQ 458, 459 (CCPA 1963). In this case, the Purton's card inspection device is **capable** of delivering cards. The removal of the box 504, full of cards, suggests that the cards are being delivered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

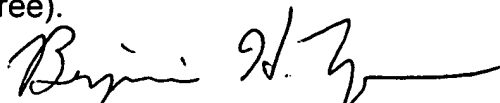
5. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Purton.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to use Purton's card inspection device to inspect a deck playing cards that have already been shuffled, and before the playing cards are delivered, in order to make sure that the deck of cards is complete and that no extra cards are present, see page 1, lines 13-17.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin H. Layno whose telephone number is (571) 272-4424. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 1st Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on (571)272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

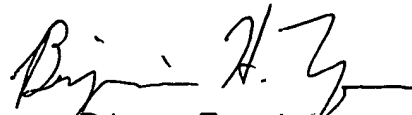
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